

Hollydale Primary School

Welcome to Summer Term 1! This half term children will be continuing with their topic of 'Going Global'. We will be looking into our local area of Peckham and Nunhead. In Science, the children will be learning about 'Animals including humans' looking at our major organs and systems that work inside us. The children will also be going to the Science Museum to deepen their understanding.

Children will also continue with their Maths fluency, spelling, handwriting and grammar lessons to help them practice the skills they need to access this new and exciting curriculum.

Lastly, we welcome Ms Thebe into Maple class who will be taking over from Ms Bridgland and also Ms Brown and Mr Scarlett who will be supporting Ms Fredua in Hazel class!

As always if you have any questions, please see us on the playground every day or email us to schedule an appointment! Please also ensure that their weekly homework is completed and handed in so it can be marked.

Summer 1 2018- This half term KS2 (Y5) will be learning about the following topics:

English	In year 5, children will continue to have daily reading guided reading sessions. These sessions will include looking carefully at characters in a story, discussing what they have read and carrying out reading comprehension. They have started reading their new class fiction book 'Kaspar' and have looked at characters thoughts and feelings. They will then move onto reading 'Night mail' which will help them to write their own poems.
Reading Records	Once a week children bring home a school library book. Please read and discuss the book with your child and ensure that comments are made about the book in their reading record. The reading books will be changed for Maple class on Monday . Rewards will be given to children for fantastic, in-depth comments.
Spelling, punctuation and grammar	This term, children will be having weekly grammar sessions in order to improve their understanding of the grammatical conventions of the English language. They will also be reflecting on their own writing and correcting their own mistakes based on their learning. It is really important in year 5 that children can spot their own mistakes in order to be independent learners.
Maths	In Maths children will begin the term by looking at the 4 calculations, especially long division, and ensuring that they can successfully identify which calculation they have to use and when in multi-step problems. We will then be moving on to fractions, percentages and decimals, shape and geometry, area and perimeter and ending with data handling.
Science	In Science we will be looking at Animals including humans. This half term children will be examining the different stages of life and describing the changes that happen to us over time. They will also be exploring inside the body, looking at the major organs and their functions and the different systems that work inside us. We will look closely at the heart and how it works in our bodies. Lastly, the children will look at the different effects of diet and exercise on the body.
Computing	The children will be embedding their computing curriculum into their learning this half term, concentrating on using the internet to research and present their ideas in both Topic and Science lessons. The children will also be formatting some of their writing using Microsoft Word and becoming even more confident with typing.
IPC	This term we will be continuing our topic of 'Going Global'. Children will be focusing all about their local area of Peckham and Nunhead. They will be venturing out into the wider community to find out about what is around them and creating tourist leaflets for those new to the area. In addition to that, they will also have the opportunity to improve their map skills by plotting different landmarks around them.
Art	In art this half term we will be linking it to our RE topic of Buddhism looking at the depiction of the world and the different symbols used in the religion creating paintings of these to display.
P.E.	Maple class have Swimming (P.E.) on Monday's. Please ensure that your child has their full swimming kit on that day as their lesson will take place at STAC. It is a government expectation now that every child by the end of year 6 can confidently swim 25m and we would like to ensure that your child gets this opportunity. They will need their swimming costumes, towel and swimming hat. Please label the items and bring them in a bag each week.
Music	Children will take part in weekly Brass lessons on Thursday. Please ensure that your child practices using their instrument whilst at home.
R.E.	This term our topic will be Buddhism and we will be learning all about the different traditions and beliefs regarding this religion.

P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	This term our focus will be all about relationships. We will explore ways that we can get on well others and resolve conflict. This also links to one of our core school values.
Homework	A variety of cross curricular homework tasks will be assigned at the start of the half term. Each week your child will select one task to complete, to be returned by Tuesday . Children should continue to learn their times tables , which will be tested on a regular basis and additional maths homework will be assigned on the Friday. Please give your child an opportunity to use the Mathletics website, for which each child has their own username and password to develop their mathematical confidence. Children should also learn their weekly spellings which will be sent home every Friday and tested the following week (Thursday). Please discuss your child's homework with them each week and check that is finished before they hand it back into school.
Key dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading passport winners to visit Rye Books Bookshop for Spring Term on Friday 27th April 2018. • Geography home learning project winners Prize/Trip on Monday 30th April 2018. • BrightSparks Schools' Concert at the Southbank Centre- Royal Festival Hall on Thursday 5th June 2018 at 10.30am.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to come and see the KS2 team. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

KS2 Team

Willow Class- Miss Upton, Mr Porter

Maple Class – Ms Thebe, Ms Mustafa

Hazel Class- Ms Fredua, Ms Brown/Mr Scarlett